

Friday Bulletin

News from the Alaska State Libraries, Archives & Museums

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

State Library announces new mentoring program

The Alaska State Library is committed assisting all librarians in their development of leadership skills and is willing to assist in matching librarians seeking assistance with those best able to provide the assistance they need. We recognize that this assistance may be a casual one-time event or an ongoing discussion or series of conversations with someone in your region.

Anyone interested in serving as Mentor is encouraged to complete the online [Mentor application](#) available from the [Library Leadership](#) LibGuide. Please note that we will be sharing and posting information about the Mentor application for two weeks prior to soliciting applications from librarians interested in being matched with a mentor.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this program,

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PS Please note the online application works **best** using the Internet Explorer browser.

Sheldon Jackson Museum wants your original films!

The Sheldon Jackson Museum seeking films pertaining to Alaska Native life, culture, history, art, and Alaska Native individuals to show at the museum as part of the Sheldon Jackson Museum Winter Film Series between late December and March. Creative films made by people with all levels of experience and in all genres, and of all lengths are welcome. Preference will be given to films made in the last decade. Certificates of award will be given for 7 different categories. *The deadline for submissions is December 4, 2017*

To find out how to submit a film entry, email or Jacqueline.Fernandez-Hamberg@Alaska.gov or call (907) 747-8981.

Apply for SJM Sheldon Jackson Museum's Alaska Native Artist Residency Program Starting November 8th

The Sheldon Jackson Museum's Alaska Native Artist Residency Program first began over thirty-one years ago. Starting November 8, 2017, Alaska Native artists are encouraged to obtain an application online via the [Sheldon Jackson Museum](#) or [Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum](#) websites and submit by the deadline, Thursday, Jan. 4th. Artists interested in having a copy of

the application mailed to them, may call (907) 747-8981 or pick one up in person at the museum. Any questions about the application should be directed to (907) 747-8981.

As an artist-in-residence, artists create art in the gallery space at the museum, teach a hands-on class or give a lecture, and give a Residency Recap Talk. Travel and housing is provided for the longer residencies, typically 21 days. Both shorter residencies, often lastly two weeks, and longer residency positions offer an artist stipend. The residency is competitive. More information will be available on the application form and on the websites as the deadline for submission comes closer.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

New Sitka library director profiled by KCAW

All of us at the Division offer a warm welcome to Andrew Murphy, the new director at the Sitka Public Library. He is the only public library director we know of who has run his own record label. We found this out and more from the 10/4/2017 profile done by KCAW (Raven Radio):

New library director moved by music, public service

<https://www.kcaw.org/2017/10/04/new-librarian-moved-music-public-service/>

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Sarah Jessica Parker selects Mohsin Hamid's 'Exit West' for ALA Book Club Central's fall pick

The latest American Library Association (ALA) Book Club Central SJP pick, chosen by Honorary Book Club Central Chair Sarah Jessica Parker, is "Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid, published by Riverhead/an imprint of Penguin Random House. "Exit West" has been shortlisted for the 2017 Man Booker Prize, longlisted for the ALA Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and is a finalist for the 2017 Kirkus Prize.

Parker's second book selection for Book Club Central is part of the kickoff of the 12th annual National Friends of Libraries Week, an initiative of United for Libraries to be held Oct. 15-21, 2017. The celebration recognizes the advocacy and fundraising efforts of Friends of the Library groups across the country. Parker is an Honorary Lifetime Board Member of United for Libraries, a division of ALA.

For more, visit <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2017/10/sarah-jessica-parker-selects-mohsin-hamid-s-exit-west-ala-book-club-central-s>

Public Library Association, National Network of Libraries of Medicine announce Promoting Healthy Communities initiative

Access to current and reliable health information is imperative for the well-being of all Americans, and public libraries are frequently a go-to resource as people navigate complex issues of health care, insurance, aging and more. A new nationwide initiative from the Public Library Association (PLA) and National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) will increase public library workers' knowledge and skills related to consumer health services.

For more, visit <http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2017/10/public-library-association-national-network-libraries-medicine-announce>

GLBTRT seeks nominations for 2018 awards recognizing outstanding service to the GLBT community

Every year, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) of the American Library Association seeks to honor librarians, library related organizations (including libraries, library staff, library boards, library friends), and other individuals or groups (public or private) that have demonstrated excellence in the area of responding to the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.

GLBTRT seeks to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of its peers. Members are an integral part of a successful awards program. GLBTRT urges members to nominate colleagues whose work has influenced their thinking and growth, and whose contributions merit recognition by the profession. Member nominations will ensure that the pool of candidates for each award remains both competitive and distinguished. **Nominations and supporting materials for these awards must be submitted by December 1, 2017.**

The [GLBTRT Award for Political Activism Award](#) honors librarians, library related organizations (including libraries, library staff, library boards, library friends), and other individuals or groups (public or private) that have demonstrated excellence in the area of GLBT activism. The award is designed for someone who is involved in efforts to promote GLBT issues, impedes the progress of anti-GLBT efforts, or raises awareness of GLBT matters locally, statewide, nationally or internationally. The award recognizes the work of taking a clear stance on an issue, voicing an opinion and working to ensure that positive change happens for the GLBT community. The award may be given for a specific action, repeated actions (like a campaign), or a lifetime of work. [Submit a nomination](#).

The [Larry Romans Mentorship Award](#), administered jointly by GLBTRT and the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), recognizes librarians who, through their sustained mentoring efforts, have made a difference in our profession. Each year, the award will honor a librarian who has demonstrated excellence in the area of mentoring, who has successfully encouraged others to serve as mentors, and who has impacted the lives and careers of others through tirelessly devoting time, energy, and talent toward helping others succeed in our profession. [Submit a nomination](#).

The [Newlen-Symons Award for Excellence in Serving the GLBT Community](#) honors a librarian, library staff member, library, library board, and/or library friends group who have designed programs and/or initiatives responsive to the needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community. By honoring programs and/or initiatives with demonstrated impact on the GLBT community that have been sustained over a period of time, this award seeks to 1) increase the number of services to or for the LGBT community in libraries, and 2) enhance the quality and sustainability of such services. [Submit a nomination](#).

For more, see <http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2017/10/glbtrt-seeks-nominations-2018-awards-recognizing-outstanding-service-glbtrt>

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